

REMARKS

In the final Office Action, dated January 27, 2006, the Examiner rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. The Examiner further rejected claims 1-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,721,827 (hereinafter "LOGAN"). By way of this amendment, Applicants have canceled claims 1-18 without prejudice or disclaimer. New claims 19-36 have been added. No new matter has been added by the present amendment. Reconsideration of the outstanding rejections is respectfully requested in view of the amendments above and the following remarks.

In paragraph 1, the final Office Action rejects claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. Claim 1 has been canceled by the present amendment, therefore, this rejection is moot. Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, is respectfully requested.

In paragraph 2, the final Office Action rejects claims 1-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by LOGAN. Claims 1-18 have been canceled by the present amendment, therefore, the rejection of these claims is moot. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) is respectfully requested.

New claims 19-27 recite a method that includes, among other features, "receiving a plurality of recorded first audio segments related to a first topic or issue, wherein each audio segment of the first audio segments comprises audio data recorded over different periods of time," "receiving a plurality of recorded second audio segments related to a second topic or issue, wherein each audio segment of the second audio segments comprises audio data recorded over different periods of time and wherein the second topic or issue is different from the first

topic or issue,” “dividing an audio repository into multiple partitions,” “storing the plurality of first audio segments in a first partition of the multiple partitions,” “assigning a first unique identifier to the plurality of first audio segments,” “storing the plurality of second audio segments in a second partition of the multiple partitions,” “assigning a second unique identifier to the plurality of second audio segments,” “receiving the first unique identifier in association with a first telephone call and at least one command” and “selectively playing back one or more of the first audio segments based on receipt of the first unique identifier and based on the at least one command received via the first telephone call.” Applicant submits that LOGAN does not suggest or disclose the combination of features recited in new claims 19-27.

New claims 28-30 recite a method that includes, among other features, “receiving and storing a first series of recorded audio segments,” “receiving and storing a second series of recorded audio segments,” “receiving a request to access the stored first series of recorded audio segments via a first telephone call,” “playing back the requested first series of recorded audio segments via the first telephone call,” “receiving a selection of a first audio segment of the played back first series of recorded audio segments via the first telephone call,” “receiving a recorded first audio comment via the first telephone call” and “storing the received recorded first audio comment in association with the selected first audio segment.” Applicant submits that LOGAN does not suggest or disclose the combination of features recited in new claims 28-30.

New claim 31 recites a method that includes “storing audio segments corresponding to different conversations in an audio repository,” “permitting a plurality of different users to add one or more audio segments to the stored audio segments of selected ones of the different conversations,” “moderating the content of the stored audio segments by marking first ones of

the stored audio segments as being approved and marking second ones of the stored audio segments as being disapproved” and “selectively playing back the approved first ones of the stored audio segments to a user accessing the stored audio segments via a telephone call.”

Applicant submits that LOGAN does not suggest or disclose the combination of features recited in new claim 31.

New claim 32 recites a method that includes “storing audio segments corresponding to different conversations in an audio repository” “permitting a plurality of different users to add one or more first audio segments to the stored audio segments of selected ones of the different conversations, wherein the added one or more first audio segments include audio commentary on a content of the stored audio segments” and “receiving one or more second audio segments that rate the audio commentary included in the one or more first audio segments. Applicant submits that LOGAN does not suggest or disclose the combination of features recited in new claim 32.

New claim 33 recites a method that includes “storing audio segments in an audio repository corresponding to different conversations,” “permitting a plurality of different users to add one or more audio segments to the stored audio segments corresponding to selected ones of the different conversations,” “removing first ones of the stored audio segments that include objectionable material and second ones of the stored audio segments that include duplicative material to produce moderated audio segments” and “selectively playing back the moderated audio segments to users accessing the stored audio segments via telephone calls.” Applicant submits that LOGAN does not suggest or disclose the combination of features recited in new claim 33.

New claims 34 and 35 recite, among other features, a method that includes “storing audio segments in an audio repository corresponding to different conversations,” “re-ordering the stored audio segments within each of the different conversations based on an importance associated with a content of each of the stored audio segments” and “selectively playing back the re-ordered audio segments based on the rank order to users accessing the stored audio segments via telephone calls.” Applicant submits that LOGAN does not suggest or disclose the combination of features recited in new claims 34 and 35.

New claim 36 recites a system that includes “means for receiving and storing a first series of recorded audio segments,” “means for receiving and storing a second series of recorded audio segments,” “means for receiving a request to access the stored first series of recorded audio segments via a first telephone call,” “means for playing back the requested first series of recorded audio segments via the first telephone call,” “means for receiving a selection of a first audio segment of the played back first series of recorded audio segments via the first telephone call,” “means for receiving recorded first audio comment via the first telephone call” and “means for storing the recorded first audio comment in association with the selected first audio segment.” Applicant submits that LOGAN does not suggest or disclose the combination of features recited in new claim 36.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's reconsideration of this application, and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1070 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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